

**CRITERIA FOR WADSWORTH TESTING
FOR ANTHRAX OF ENVIRONMENTAL SPECIMENS
OCTOBER 16, 2001**

A) Situations in which there is not human illness:

1) Is there a plausible threat?*

YES_____ NO_____

**A plausible threat includes an explicit verbal or written threat, or similar suspicious circumstances, that the FBI considers serious enough to conduct a criminal investigation.*

2) Is there powder/substance available for testing?

YES_____ NO_____

3) Was there a person or persons in direct contact with powder/substance (e.g., "direct" contact means skin contact with the powder, exposure to inhaled powder, etc.)?

YES_____ NO_____

**WADSWORTH WILL TEST SPECIMENS MEETING ALL THREE OF THE ABOVE
CRITERIA, AS WELL AS THOSE THAT MEET ONE AND TWO AND
ARE DETERMINED HIGH RISK BY THE FBI/STATE POLICE.**

B) Situations in which there is human illness:

1) Is there a person who has cutaneous or systemic illness consistent with anthrax and who had contact with a suspicious material?

YES_____ NO_____

2) Is the suspicious material available for testing?

YES_____ NO_____

**IF "YES" TO BOTH QUESTIONS, THEN SPECIMEN
WILL BE TESTED AT WADSWORTH LAB.**

**WADSWORTH LAB WILL NOT ACCEPT ANY SPECIMEN UNTIL THE FBI (OR STATE
POLICE LAB) HAS CALLED THE NEW YORK STATE DEPARTMENT OF
HEALTH TO AUTHORIZE TESTING. SPECIMENS WILL BE ACCEPTED
7 AM TO 6 PM FOR LABORATORY ACCESSIONING, WEEKDAYS.**

ON WEEKENDS, SPECIMENS MAY BE ACCEPTED ONLY BY SPECIAL ARRANGEMENT.